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Title: Cap for Cut Metal Orthopedic Fastener

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

INTERVIEW SUMMARY AND

REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This is a timely reply to a Final Office Action dated August 11, 2006. As no claims have been added, and no extension fee is required, no fees are enclosed herewith.

If any additional fee is due, please charge the fee to deposit account no. 07-1732.